

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

By the present Preliminary Amendment the specification is amended to correct minor informalities. A new Abstract believed to be in more proper format under United States practice is also submitted herein.

Further, claims 1-12 are canceled without prejudice and new claims 13-25 are presented for examination.

Replacement Figures 1A, 1B, 2, 3A-3C, 5A, 5B, and 8 are also submitted herein.

Original Figures 1(a), 1(b) are now more clearly labeled as Fig. 1A, Fig. 1B. Replacement Figure 2 now includes the reference indicator 30 and re-labels elements originally labeled as 60, as 60a, 60b. Original Figures 3(a)-(c) are now more clearly labeled as Fig. 3A, Fig. 3B, and Fig. 3C. Original Figures 5(a) and (b) are now more clearly labeled as Fig. 5A, Fig. 5B. Replacement Figure 8 now includes reference indicator 131.

The presently-submitted amendments to the specification, Abstract, claims and replacement figures are believed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, including the original claims, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new matter.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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